

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Robert Cronch

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO IMPROVE MAGNETIC DISC DRIVE
RELIABILITY USING EXCESS UN-UTILIZED CAPACITY

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M/S AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Non-Final Office Action mailed October 2, 2007, please reconsider the
rejections based on the following remarks and amendments: